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Commissioners
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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Docket Number: E-01345A-16-0036 + E-01345A-16-0123

I am writing to urge you to say no to the proposed APS rate hike.

As an APS customer, the need for APS to invest in costly generation, transmission and distribution is reduced when I reduce my electricity use. However, if APS increases its monthly fixed fee, consumers who work hard to conserve energy and be more energy efficient can't do anything to reduce that fee. That isn't fair. Please oppose any increase to the basic service charge.

I am a senior on a fixed income. I still work to support myself. In my home, I strive to be very conservative in my electricity usage. With summer coming, the necessary running of AC is an added expense that creates a true hardship, even though I plan for it as best I can. There are countless people here who are in the same boat.

Please also vote no on mandatory residential demand charges. I appreciate that the Commission did not approve these charges in its recent decisions on the UNS Electric and TEP rate cases. Please continue that trend. Charging consumers for the maximum amount of demand used in only one hour of the month is likely to increase what consumers pay each month and decrease incentives to reduce energy use.

Please say no to unfair utility charges. Thank you for all you do.

Best regards,
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